

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 2, 5, 14 and 20, while canceling claim 1 in order to place the application in condition for allowance. No inference should be made about the cancellation of claim 1, other than claim 20 being cancelled to expedite issuance of this application. Applicants believe that no new matter has been added by the amendments contained in this Office Action Response.

Double Patenting Rejection Response

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 based upon a Double Patenting Rejection. Applicants will hold-off on filing a terminal disclaimer until the other rejections by the Examiner have been overcome.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 9, 11-16, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tachita et al. (US Patent 4,800,577). Applicants have amended independent claim 5 and all elements of the amended independent claim 5 are not taught or described by the Tachita et al. reference.

The Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent claim 5 overcomes the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection and all claims that depend from independent claim 5 have also overcome the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the application has overcome the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection and upon submission of a terminal disclaimer will be in condition for allowance.

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